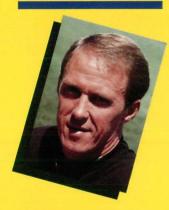




# PHILS PAGE



It should really have hurt my players that Rochdale ended their unbeaten run in the first leg of this tie at Spotland last week. It certainly hurt me to see my team beaten by a side that was more competitive on the night. The memory of last week's game should therefore tell us that we will have to be competitive tonight if we are going to get that goal back and make it into the

second round and into the hat with the big boys.

Actually we can thank our lucky stars that at this stage of the competition we play ties over two legs. At least, after being well below the standards we set ourselves, we know we have a second bite of the cherry. What I can promise is that we will be trying our damnedest to make up for that disappointment.

I am sure you will all respond and give us your backing.

We started our Central League programme with a very good performance at Sheffield Wednesday last week coming from behind to record a well deserved 1-1 draw, and without a recognised striker because of our injury and sickness problems.

Nicky Brookman had to play up front and we gave Kieron Hughes his first taste of reserve team football. The pair of them did well and young Kieron responded by scoring the equaliser.

It was a smashing performance, considering the team we had out—fielding quite a number of 'A' team players—against a very experienced Sheffield Wednesday side.

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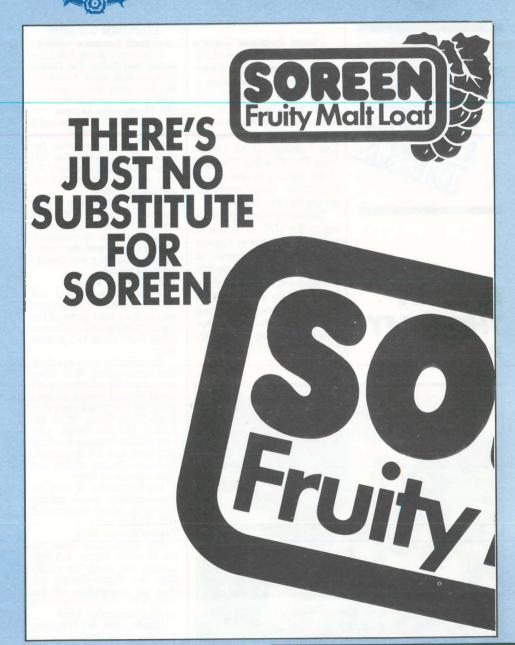
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# DARREN THORNLEY Aged 18

Royal Engineer Darren Thornley from Farnworth is proudly wearing his Wembley tee-shirt as he takes a break from serving in the Falklands. Darren is at the top of Mt Kent which is the second largest mountain on East Falkland, about 15 km from Port Stanley. The gun in the picture is one of the Argentine ones captured during the war there.

Darren is currently serving in the U.K. at Tidworth before going out to Cyprus in January. He comes to Burnden as often as possible but keeps in touch match by match while he is serving away. He is one of the many supporters who keep updated by ringing Wanderers Club Call 0898-12-11-64



First may I thank HB Electronics and Bolton Car Centre for their kind support over the last two years and hope they wish to continue with same.

HB Electronics League

Duke William F.C. finished 4 points clear to win the Championships, completing their fixtures with a comfortable 2-0 victory over HB Electronics 'A', with goals by Ian McDonagh and David Liptrott.

Dean F.C. pipped much fancied Lynton 7's at the post with the only goal of the game scored by Tom Burtonwood, leaving Lynton with the consolation of winning the Sportsmanship awards.

Lada Samara League Ainsworth Arms did just

Ainsworth Arms did just enough to take the Championship in their final game of the season holding late contenders Uncle Toms Cabin to a goalless draw.

Carrs Pasties went into their final game against M.R. Wanderers knowing only three points would be good enough to claim a play-off for second place with Uncle Toms Cabin. Much improved M.R.Wanderers, with keeper Clive Haslam in fine form held Carrs to a 1-1 draw, goals by Darren Cooper of M.R. and Paul Johnson of Carrs.

HB Electronics 'B' won the Sportsmanship award scoring 133 points from a maximum of 140. Well Done!

Teams Please Note

The applications forms for the Burnden Winter 7-A-Side League, are ready for collection. The Winter League will start on completion of the Ready's Knock-out Tournament on 21st September 1989.

Details from Bill Longden, Telephone: 381010.







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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Julian Darby, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer and Tony Philliskirk who all 'tied the knot' during the summer. Best wishes to the lads and their respective wives and who's betting it's not too long before we could be hearing the clatter of tiny feet!

Dear Sir.

I am writing to ask for help through your programme and from your fans in locating a couple of items I've been chasing for some years. Can anyone help me with the following:

Bolton v Crystal Palace 1967-8 (Apr.27) Bolton v Crystal Palace 1966-7 (Jan 7)

I'd be happy to pay £5 each for these programmes. Thanks.

Neil Duncanson 33 Kingfisher Road, Upminster, Essex. RM14 1ER.

Dear Phil,

I am a dedicated supporter of BWFC. Having watched with admiration the performances of two of the players you have sold to other clubs, I am not alone in voicing my disappointment at their going.

In my opinion they were, and played, their part in the club's success, in the promotion to the third division, and the winning of the 'Sherpa Van Trophy', and could in my opinion have been the basis of our team in the coming season, and are going to be sadly missed.

I sincerely hope that you have replaced them with equally competent players.

But what I would like answering is this question: Why, when two players of the quality of Trevor Morgan and

John Thomas have you disrupted a winning team?

I have every admiration for what you have achieved at Bolton since you took over, but feel sad that I think these players will be missed.

Thank you for all the enjoyment that BWFC provides for its supporters and I feel that you know better what's good for the club, than I do.

Yours faithfully, Your No. 1 Supporter from

Farnworth—D. Miller Reply: Thanks Damian for your letter which I can see your strong support for the Club. Regarding the players concerned, they were offered new contracts but elected to turn them down. Players were signed then to strengthen the side and I believe BWFC will benefit in the short and long term. Yours, Phil Neal.

## WHO WILL WIN THE 3RD DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

Full odds are as follows:
Division Three
Notts Co. (7-1), Birmingham
C. (8-1), Bristol R./Preston
NE (10-1), Fulham/Bristol C.
(11-1), Brentford (12-1),
Bolton W./Rotherham Utd.
(14-1), Bury/Shrewsbury T./
Tranmere R. (20-1), Chester
C./Huddersfield T./Leyton
O./Swansea C./Walsall (25-1), Blackpool/Cardiff
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Married: No Children: No Favourite Other

Team: Man. Utd. Favourite Away

Ground: Goodison
Best Player you have
seen in your position:

Bryan Robson

Best Goal scored and how: In the 'A' team against UMIST last

season.

Best Goal seen:

Maradonna's second against England in

World Cup.

**Best Sporting Moment outside** 

football: Playing for Lancashire Rugby League Under-15.

The
Liveliest
Character
you have met
in football:

Robbie Savage

Details of your

First Match:

Came on as sub as a Schoolboy for 'A' team against Chester. Your worst moment on the football field: Whenever we get beat and I don't play too well.

The funniest incident you have seen on a

football pitch: A player playing against

the first team was taking a corner and when he stepped back to take the corner he fell off the side

of the pitch.

Your best pal in football: Micky Jeffries

The best and worst dressers among your

team mates: Geoff Chandler—Nicky

Spooner

Do you have any hobbies: Playing Golf

and Snooker

With which sports star would you like to

change places for a day?: Ian Botham

Your favourite newspaper: Daily Mirror

Your favourite holiday spot: Spain

Biggest risk taken in your life: Getting in a car with Micky Jeffries

Happiest moment outside football:

Watching Saints win the Challenge Cup at Wembley against Widnes







## ROCHDALE A.F.C.



Rochdale came to Burnden Park tonight looking to improve their dismal record in this competition. for not since the 1961-62 season have they got past the second round. The League Cup, as it was then known, began in the 1960-61 season and Rochdale reached the third round before losing to Blackburn Rovers. Dale got their revenge the following year in a marvellous cup campaign beating Southampton, Doncaster Rovers, Charlton and York City on their way to the semifinals. In a two-legged semi Rochdale edged through 4-3 on aggregate against then First Division Blackburn to create a record, which still stands today, as the only Fourth Division club to reach the final. Sadly, there the dreams ended as Norwich City won the first leg 3-0 at Spotland before a crowd of 11,123 and completed the job with a 1-0 win in front of 19,708 spectators at Carrow Road. Despite not winning the Cup Rochdale won many friends for their fighting displays.

Since those heady days Rochdale have not found much joy in the Cup. In 27 seasons they have been knocked out at first round stage on 18 occasions and in the second round 9 times, though recent seasons have provided exciting games against teams from higher division such as Watford and Wimbledon in which Dale gave a fine account of themselves. In the 1986-87 season Rochdale held then First Division Watford to a 1-1 draw at Vicarage Road before going down 2-1 in the return leg at Spotland. The following season they drew 1-1 at home to

Wimbledon and lost only 2-1 at Plough Lane.

A Fourth Division club since being relegated from the Third Division in 1973-74, Rochdale are looking forward to a hopefully bright future with the proposed merger with Rochdale Homets R.L.F.C. Homets have sold their Athletic Grounds home and moved in at Spotland and hopefully the ground sharing arrangement should work to the mutual benefit of both clubs. Homets have embarked on a mini spending spree including forking out a reported £50,000 for one player. Dale manager Terry Dolan, however, cannot be afforded such luxuries and has had to use all his experience to build a side with little or no money to spend. Since taking over from Danny Bergara when the Argentinian moved on to Stockport last season. Dolan has overseen a considerable change in playing personnel at Spotland but there is a firm belief that the former Bradford City manager is just the man to bring the good times back to Spotland, Dolan, who ended his 448 League game career with a season at Rochdale in 1981-82, did a fine job at Valley Parade and is now putting his great experience to work.

Among the departures have been talented winger Dave Frain and Chris Beaumont to Stockport while that fine young defender Jason Smart has joined Crewe. Former Wanderers star Paul Jones has also followed Danny Bergard to Edgeley Park.

One of Dolan's greatest coups was to persuade the experienced midfield player Alan Ainscow to make the move over from Blackburn Rovers. The Bolton-born Ainscow had had a distinguished career notably with Blackpool and Rovers and also had a short spell at Everton and could be just the man to get the best out of Dolan's predominantly young side. Other signings have been Tony Brown, a defender from Scunthorpe, who began his career at Leeds and also played for Doncaster Rovers and Willie Burns, a Scot from Motherwell, signed from Manchester City.

Vinney Chapman hails from

FACT FILE							
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Season	Div.	Position	Cup	Cup	Apps	Goals	
1984-85	4	18th	1st Rd	1st Rd	Chapman 43 Diamond 43	Diamond 15	
1985-86	4	18th	1st Rd	3rd Rd	Redfearn 46	Taylor 25	
1986-87	4	21st	2nd Rd	2nd Rd	Bramhall 46	Simmonds 10	
1987-88	4	21st	2nd Rd	1st Rd	Welch 46	Simmonds 12	
1988-89	4	18th	1st Rd	1st Rd	Welch 46	Frain 13	





Newcastle and is a left back who joined Huddersfield from Tow Law Town, while the experienced David Cole is a talented central defender formerly with Swansea City, Swindon Town and Torquay United. Jason Dawson is a teenager who was signed from Port Vale.

Another recruit is the former Barnsley and Crewe Alexandra defender Wayne Goodison, who made 25 appearances in the Railwaymen's promotion campaign last season. Another young player to come from Manchester City is Jason Hasford, a leading scorer in the City youth side last season.

Mick Holmes, signed from Cambridge, began his career with Bradford City and later played for Wolverhampton Wanderers. He was a member of the Wolves side which beat Burnley 2-0 at Wembley in the Sherpa Van Trophy Final of May 1988. Forward Colin Small is also from Manchester City while Peter Ward, a midfield player, was signed from Huddersfield. Robbie Whellans is a forward signed from Bradford City, whose League debut was made when on loan to Hartlepool in the 1987-88 season against Rochdale. Whellans scored that day in a 2-0 victory.

Experienced striker Kevin Stonehouse had the disappointment of seeing his side Darlington fall out of the League last season. Formerly with Blackburn, Huddersfield and



Back Row: D. Sutton, J. Hill, N. Edmonds, D. Walling, S. O'Shaughnessy, T. Brown, K. Welch, S. Cramer, D. Cole, Z. Hughes, K. Stonehouse, S. Taylor, W. Burns, B. Ellis. Centre: C. Small, J. Hasford, M. Holmes, W. Goodison, T. Dolan (Manager), A. Ainscow, J. Lee, R. Whellans, J. Dawson, P. Ward, V. Chapman. Front Row: N. Jones, C. Lucketti, J. Hedderman, P. Buckley, A. Smith, P. Lockett, S. Barrow, S. Milligan, P. Herting, C. Alford.

Blackpool, Stonehouse has been a consistent goal scorer with 70 goals in his 234 League appearances to date

One of the players to remain at Spotland is goalkeeper Keith Welch, a former Bolton junior, whose eye catching performances have attracted the attention of many clubs. Welch came into the Rochdale side in the 1986-87 season and immediately impressed with some cool displays as Dale successfully fought a nervewracking battle against relegation. He has been an ever present in the two subsequent seasons since.

Steve Taylor needs no introduction at Burnden Park, having begun his career here in 1974-75. The much travelled striker, in his second spell at Rochdale, has now scored 157 League goals in 41 appearances, and has played for 10 League clubs.

Neil Edmonds was signed from Oldham and scored 8 goals in 39 games last season while Dean Walling is a young striker who opened the season with a goal in Rochdale's 2-1 win over Burnley. Last but not least is the new Dale physio Dave Sutton, whose playing career which spanned 438 League appearances, was ended

by injury last season. Everyone at Burnden Park will wish "Sutty" every success in his new career and he can be assured of a big cheer from the Burnden faithful tonight.

#### Rochdale Record Last Season

Home

Pl W D L F A Div. 4 46 10 10 3 32 26 Away

W D L F A Pts Div. 4 3 4 16 24 56 53

Position: 18th

Most League Appearances

Andy Armitage 33+3 subs, Chris Beaumont 31+3, Neil Edmonds 34+5, Dave Frain 42, Steve O'Shaughnessy 38+3, Jason Smart 41+1, Dean Walling 26+8, Keith Welch 46.

Most League Goals

Frain 13, Edmonds 8, Beaumont 7, O'Shaughnessy 7.



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THE CHANGES ....

 Newcomers to Division Three for 1989-90 are as follows .... relegated from Division Two are Shrewsbury Town, Birmingham and Walsall. Shrewsbury's first appearance in this section since they went up to the Second in 1979. Birmingham City have never before played outside the top two divisions, while Walsall return to the Third just a year after going up. This season will be their last at Fellows Park the site has been bought for the building of a supermarket, and a new purpose-built ground is being built at Bescott, less than a mile away, with an all-seated capacity of 15.000.

Promoted from Division Four are Rotherham United, Tranmere Rovers, Crewe Alexandra and Leyton Orient who beat Wrexham in the play-offs. Rotherham return just a season after going down while Tranmere Rovers have been in the Fourth since 1979. It's even longer for Crewe — they last played in the Third in 1969 while Leyton Orient are back after four seasons in the Fourth.

The departures from the Division at the end of last season were: Wolves, Sheffield United and Port Vale (promoted); Southend United, Chesterfield, Gillingham and Aldershot (relegated).

THE MOVES ....

Signings by each Third Division Club up to last Monday are as follows (fees listed where revealed by club concerned). Key: F-forward, M-midfield, D-defender, GK-goalkeeper:

Birmingham City.... Colin Gordon F (Fulham) £80,000; Dennis Bailey F (Crystal Palace) £80,000; Trevor Matthewson D (Lincoln) £30,000; Phil Sproson D (Port Vale) £50,000. Blackpool . . . . Steve McIlhargey GK (Walsall) £4,000; Gary Briggs D (Oxford) free; David Eyres F (Rhyl) £10,000; Gordon Owen F (Mansfield) £30,000; Mark Gayle GK (Leicester C.) free. Bolton Wanderers .... Kevin Rose GK (Hereford) £20,000; David Reeves F (Sheffield Wednesday) tribunal; Philliskirk F (Preston) £50,000. Brentford . . . . Eddie May M (Hibs) £165,000; Mark Fleming D (QPR) free. Bristol City.... Dave Rennie M (Leeds) £200,000; Dave Smith W (Gillingham) tribunal; Paul France FB (Sheffield United) free: Paul Wimbleton (Cardiff) £60,000. Bristol Rovers .... Ian Hazel M (Wimbledon) free; Peter Cawley D (Wimbledon) free. Bury .... Mick Walsh D (Blackpool) player/coach; Tony Cunningham F (Blackpool) £80,000; Andy Feeley FB/M (Brentford); Alan Knill D (Swansea) £95,000; Chris Withe FB (Notts County) free. Cardiff City.... Chris Pike F (Fulham) free; Ray Daniel FB/M (Hull City) fee to be decided. Chester City.... Brian Croft F (Cambridge) fee paid; Alan Reeves D (Norwich) fee paid; David Pugh M (Runcorn) five-figure fee; David Hamilton M/D (Wigan). Crewe Alexandra.... Jason Smart D (Rochdale) £45,000; Paul Dyson D (Darlington) free; Graham Easter M/F (West Brom.) **Fulham...** Gavin Nebbeling D (Crystal Palace) £80,000. £80,000. Huddersfield . . . . Dudley Lewis D (Swansea) £50,000; Robert Wilson M (Fulham) £25,000; Ifem Onuora F (from University). Levton Orient.... Carl Hoddle (Bishops Stortford) fee paid; Greg Berry (East Thurrock) fee paid. Mansfield .... Steve Prindiville FB (Chesterfield) fee paid; David Hunt D (Aston Villa) free: Garry Macdonald F (Darlington) free. Northampton .... Steve Brown M

(local football); David Johnson FB (local football). Notts County.... Phil Stant F (Hereford) £175,000; Craig Short D (Scarborough) £100,000; Nicky Platnauer FB/M £50.000. Preston .... (Cardiff) Graham Shaw F (Stoke) £70,000; Simon Snow F (Sutton Town) Reading.... David £3,000. Leworthy F (Oxford) free; Darren Wood D (Chesterfield) £50,000. Rotherham .... Andy Ainscow M (Wigan) tribunal; Ronnie Robinson M (West Bromwich) £40,000. Shrewsbury.... Jon Purdie F (Wolves) free; Asa Hartford M (Oldham) player/coach. Swansea City.... Terry Boyle D (Cardiff) fee to be decided; Gary Cobb M (Luton) on loan; John Salako W (Crystal Palace) on loan. Tranmere .... David Fairclough F (Beveren of Belgium) free. (Bevereli of Besjam, Iros.)

Walsall ... Peter Skipper D
(Oldham) fee paid; John Kelly M
(Oldham) free; Steve Gritt M
(Charlton) free, Wigan ... Simon Andrews F (Manchester United) free; Jim Carberry LW (Everton) free; Tony Ward M (Everton) free. THE MANAGERS....

 Men in charge of each Third Division club at the start of this season (including date of appointment):

Birmingham City - Dave Mackay (April '89); Blackpool -Jimmy Mullen (March '88); Bolton Wanderers - Phil Neal (Dec. '85); Brentford - Steve Perryman (Jan. '87); Bristol City — Joe Jordan (April '88); Bristol Rovers - Gerry Francis (Aug. '87); Bury - Sam Ellis (May '89); Cardiff City - Frank Burrows (May '86); Chester City - Harry '85); McNally (June Crewe Alexandra : Dario Gradi (May '83); Fulham — Ray Lewington (July '86); Huddersfield Town — Eoin Hand (June '88); Leyton Orient - Frank Clark (May '82); Mansfield Town -Foster (Feb. '89); George Northampton Town - Graham Carr (April '85); Notts County - Neil Warnock (Jan. '89); Preston North End - John McGrath (July '86); Reading - Ian Branfoot (Jan. '84); Rotherham United - Billy McEwan (April '88); Shrewsbury Town - Ian McNeill (Dec. '87); Swansea City -Ian Evans (Feb. '89); Tranmere Rovers - John King (April '87); Walsall - John Barnwell (Jan. '89); Wigan Athletic - Bryan Hamilton (March '89).

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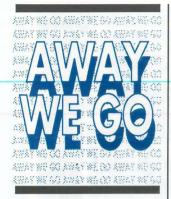
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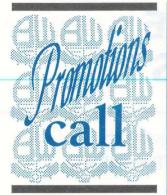


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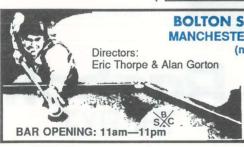
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RAY WESTWOOD Scorer of two goals on this day in 1933

1921: Bolton recorded their first success of the season with a 2-1 defeat of Tottenham at White Hart Lane. This was despite losing centre half Jimmy Seddon with a head injury. Bolton's goals came from Ted Vizard and a Joe Smith penalty. 1925: First half goals from Joe Smith and David Jack earned the Wanderers a point from a 2-2 draw with Newcastle United at Burnden. This left the club with only one win on the opening day of a League season since the first World War.

1933: By suffering relegation to Division Two, Bolton recorded their first win in that division since April 1911. After losing on the opening day at West Ham, two goals from Ray Westwood and one from Jack Milsom gave the Wanderers a 3-2 win at Grimsby Town.

1936: G. T. Taylor commenced his seventh consecutive season without missing a game when he took part in the Wanderers 2-2 draw at Brentford. He began the sequence playing for Southampton in April 1930 and had since become a regular for Notts County before joining

Bolton. Currier hit both Bolton goals as they won their first ever point at Griffin Park.

1942: The Football League North Competition got underway with a visit to Bury where the home side won 4-3. Harold Gee hit two goals whilst George Hunt converted a penalty for Bolton.

**1951:** A Willie Moir goal gave the Wanderers both points from their visit to Newcastle United before 49,587 and took them to the top of the First Division after four games.

1970: The Wanderers came from a two goals deficit to earn a point against Queens Park Rangers at Burnden. Terry Venables gave the Londoners the lead on the hour from a twice taken penalty and four minutes later hit home a 25 yard free kick. Gareth Williams pulled one back before Terry Wharton hit home the equaliser, with twelve minutes left, from the penalty spot.

**1987**: Scarborough inflicted Bolton's first ever Fourth Division defeat, recording their first ever success in the process, by a 4-0 margin at Seamer Road.

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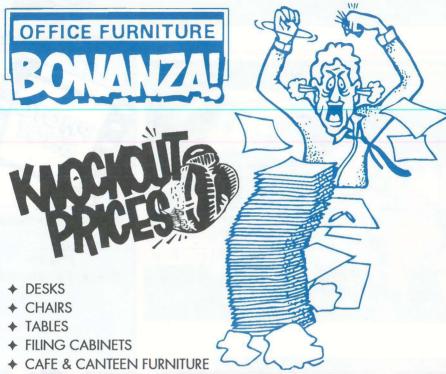
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I onight's visitors, Rochdale, are one of the rare breed who share their ground with Rugby League neighbours Rochdale Hornets and it makes good sense too. In these days of expensive costs to maintain stadiums sharing those expenses has got to be sound economics because relving on income maybe once a fortnight is never going to be enough to thrive on. Quite a few people in the past have commented about the playing surfaces when football and rugby have been played on it, week in week out, but after visiting Spotland towards the end of last season. I must admit it was one of the best playing surfaces I have seen so late in the season.

Another delight when visiting Rochdale is to sample the pie and peas on offer inside Spotland. On all the travels around the country watching the Whites, nowhere comes anywhere near Rochdale for its delicacies. It is quite worthwhile joining the steady queue who wait patiently to tuck into the

tasty treat before watching their favourites.

Tonight of course, is very serious business with the chance to draw a Liverpool or Man. Utd. in the next round of the Little-woods Cup and perhaps an opportunity to become one of the giant killers in the competition just like Bristol City did last season when they almost made it to the final only to just lose out to eventual winners Notts Forest

With the Cup competitions (Littlewoods, F.A. and Sherpa Van) plus 46 League games and possible play off matches the season could stretch to near sixty games which is tough on any team and come May will show which clubs have shown the consistency as well as staying power to be successful. Last season was tremendous with the capture of the Sherpa Van Trophy but even though the memories are there to be re-lived, it's down to scratch again and everything is there to be played for. Let's hope come May we have even more to smile about.

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Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A
	13	York City	H
	19	Burnley	A
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L	
	27	Blackpool	H
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L	
	11	Preston N.E.	H
	18	Port Vale	A
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H
	15	Sunderland	A
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A
	29	Barnsley	H
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A
	13	Middlesborough	H
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A
	3	Stoke City	A
	10	Sheffield W.	H
	17	York City	A
	24	West Brom. Albion	H
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	12	Preston N.E.	A
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	28	Barnsley	A
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H
	10	Middlesborough	A
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H
	30	Wigan Ath.	A
May	2	Sunderland	H

# Pre season notes continued—

Over the weekend of the 4th/5th/6th August the Wanderers youth team took part in the Cheadle Town Youth Tournament along with the host club and six other football league clubs.

On the Friday evening Bolton had to come from behind to defeat Cheadle with second half goals from Keiran Hughes and Alan Stubbs giving them a 2-1 success.

The following day a scoreless draw against Bury and a 1-0 win over Oldham, thanks to a Darren Oliver goal, put the Wanderers into Sundays semi finals where they went down 2-0 to the eventual winners Manchester United.

On the same evening that the first team took on Wigan in the Lancashire Cup the reserves faced Atherton LR where they won 2-1. Atherton held the advantage at the interval but a goal from Alan Stubbs and a Paul Hughes penalty saw Bolton home.

The following evening the youth team travelled to Merseyside and defeated Bootle 1-0 with a goal from Steve Burkes.

August 12th saw a Bolton XI take on Westhoughton Town at New Sirs. The Wanderers were well on top for most of the game and came out 4-1 winners. Keiran Hughes hit two first half goals, Dean Edge scored direct from a corner and Darren Oliver struck the fourth with a spectacular drive.

The reserves would up their preparations with a visit to Vauxhall Conference side Altrincham but went down 3-1. Two goals from ex Wanderer Wavne Entwistle put Altrincham in front before Tony Philliskirk hit his first goal for Bolton to reduce the arrears. Unfortunately the Wanderers conceded a third goal during the second period to John Rowlands but rarely tested Jeff Wealands in the home goal.

Tomorrow evening Stoke City are the visitors for the opening home Central League fixture. Last term both the Wanderers and Stoke just missed out on promotion and will be keen to do well again this time round.



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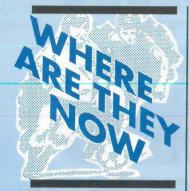
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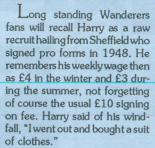
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## HARRY WEBSTER

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He broke into the first team in the 1950 season when he completed 30 odd games, scoring 15 goals. Names he recalls as being in the Burnden fold in those days were Bobby Langton, Willie Moir, Stan Hanson, John Ball, George Higgins, big Malcolm Barrass, Eric Bell. Johnny Wheeler and of course Nat Lofthouse.

One can imagine just how difficult it was then to hold down a first team place with that sort of competition. Harry Webster had probably the biggest task of all with Nat always prominent. Harry reflected, "Nat had broken his wrist and I got the chance to play six games from which I scored four goals.

In 1951 he was selected to join a F.A. Touring Team to Australia which lasted three months.

'Webbie' reminds us of the players who have served the Wanderers all coming from the City of Sheffield: lads like Walt Bingley, Graham Stanley, Ronnie Codd and Freddie Hill, "That was down to one little old man

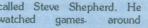
called Steve Shepherd. He watched games. around Sheffield in cloth cap and muffler and after a game he would come over, get you interested and brought us over to Bolton."

Harry reckons football played in his era was more exciting. "They would give you a ball and let you go and play" he recalled, "and there were more goalmouth incidents. We played Arsenal on Christmas Day and were trailing 4-1 at half time. We eventually lost 6-5 and in the last five minutes Bobby Langton missed a penalty and I hit the crossbar."

Reminiscing on another game when Champions Wolves came to Burnden. "They paraded Bill Wright, Eddie Clamp and Ron Flowers and Co. We beat them 6-1 and Lofty didn't score!" he said.

Nowadays Harry Webster enjoys watching local football. "My lad, Gareth played for Chorley against Wolves in the F.A. Cup at Burnden a few years ago. They won before being knocked out by Preston on their plastic surface in a replay." Gareth is now starring for Horwich R.M.I.

We caught up with Harry Webster, now a Quality Engineer at Silcoms Engineers in Farnworth. "I've been here for 29 years" he said, and there are some fanatical Bolton fans here who keep me in touch." One in particular, a lad called Tommu Woods has followed the Wanderers all over and has just two ground to visit and he's completed the lot.



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# RECOLLECTIONS

"... the second half saw a complete turnaround."

A Paul Jones header going into the net for Bolton's second goal against Rochdale in October 1973. The Wanderers have twice faced Rochdale in previous season's of the football league cup and came out on top on both occasions.

In August 1969, then Second Division Bolton faced Third Division Rochdale at Burnden in a first round tie, there was no two legged affairs in those days.

The underdogs wasted no time in taking the advantage and led 3-1 at the interval thanks to two goals from ex Wanderer Dennis Butler and one from Reg Jenkins. John Byrom gave the Wanderers fans something to cheer but the second half saw a complete turnaround.

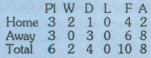
A Terry Wharton penalty and two goals a piece for Byrom and Roy Greaves saw Bolton through to the next round with a 6-3 victory. For Byrom, it was his second hat trick in four days, having hit three in the 4-1 win over Millwall on the opening day of the season.

October 1973 saw the second encounter between the clubs in the competition, this time at Spotland in the second round. Rochdale had defeated Hartlepool in the previous round, one of only four victories they were to record during 1973/74, whilst the Wanderers saw off Preston after a replay.

The previous term had seen both clubs in the Third Division but the Wanderers showed why they had won promotion with a display that saw them miles apart in quality. Bolton 'keeper Barry Siddall had only three shots to save all night, and these were only feeble hopes.

Stuart Lee opened the scoring in the 15th minute and three minutes later Paul Jones headed home the Wanderers second. Bolton should have been further in front before half time, but second half marksmen Stuart Lee in the 59th minute and Alan Waldron, with a right foot drive from a difficult angle, made it 4-0 and a third round date with Millwall.

Our overall League record against Rochdale is as follows:









Six defeats in the opening seven games rooted the Wanderers firmly at the foot of the Football League. The only victory during this spell came at fellow strugglers Stoke where Barbour scored the only goal of the game. A 3-0 home defeat at the hands of Notts County, which the visitors claimed was 4-0, was to have a significant effect at the end of the season.

New signings were made in an attempt to halt the slide. Rugby international John Sutcliffe, who was later to earn international recognition with the Wanderers signed along with James McNee from Scottish crack side Renton. Bolton were later fined £5 by the Football League for fielding McNee in a 6-2 home defeat by Preston in October 1889 without his proper qualification period.

Perhaps the most successful signing during the period

was that of twenty years old James Cassidy from Glasgow Hibernians. Cassidy was to become a fixture in the Wanderers forward line and celebrated his first season for the club by becoming leading scorer.

A 3-2 win over Blackburn Rovers at Pikes Lane, lifted the Wanderers off the foot of the table. Much credit for the victory went to goalkeeper James Parkinson who now saw his position under threat from Sutcliffe. As in the previous season, Parkinson also proved his worth away from the custodianship of the Wanderers goal, playing in the forward line and scoring in the opening day defeat by Accrington.

During November the Wanderers took part in a floodlight game, defeating Sheffield United 2-0 at Bramhall Lane, the crowd apparently astounded by the illumination, but it was to be over seventy years before the League accepted football under artificial light.

League form improved with the new signings settling in well. Derby County and West Brom were both hit for seven at Pikes Lane with James Cassidy banging home four against County, his first for the club. John Sutcliffe made his debut

against West Brom with an inch of snow on the ground it far from met the approval of the Throstle's and 4000 braved the elements to see Sutcliffe keep a clean sheet.

On the 28th December 1889 the Wanderers defeated Burnley 6-3 on home soil in a scheduled League match. Both sides had protested to the referee over the hard ground but he insisted that the game went ahead. He reported the clubs disapproval of the conditions and the League ordered a replay.

It was no coincidence that the best League form of the season came with the start of the season's FA Cup rounds and the clubs best ever victories in the competition.

Successes at both Notts County and Aston Villa sandwiched a first round FA Cup win over Belfast Distillery by 10-1. Then in the second round the Wanderers were drawn to face Sheffield United at Bramhall Lane. The game was switched to Pikes Lane as Sheffield Wednesday were also drawn at home against Accrington and it was expected that they would draw the crowds.

The 1st February 1890 saw Bolton register their best ever victory in a major competition by seeing off United by 13-0. The Wanderers





were urged by the crowd to make the twenty but they saw James Cassidy score five goals, a feat that equalled Bob Struthers' five against Bootle in 1882.

Cassidy followed this up a week later with a hat trick in a 5-0 home League win over Stoke, and then the Wanderers qualified for Semi Finals of the FA Cup with a 3-2 win at Preston, fighting back from a two goal deficit in only eight minutes.

After defeating high riding Wolves at the end of February the bubble burst. A 7-0 defeat was incurred at Burnley, the home side registering their first League win of the season, at the eighteenth attempt and then defeat in the FA Cup by Sheffield Wednesday, in the Semi Finals at Perry Bar.

The League season ended when Burnley visited pikes Lane in the replayed game SEASON 1889/90



# JAMES BROGAN

Scorer of the goal that inflicted Sunderland's first home defeat by an English club. from December. The Wanderers needed to win to stay out of the bottom four and to avoid re-election. After leading 2-0 the game ended 2-2 and with Aston Villa defeating cup winners Blackburn, Bolton finished fourth from bottom on goal average, the difference of one one-hundredth of a goal being in favour of Villa.

At the League meeting the Wanderers stated that the home defeat by Notts County had been by three goals and not four therefore placing Bolton above Villa. The League settled the matter by stating that only Bolton and Burnley had complied with the secretary's request for an official return of results. It was agreed that both Villa and Bolton should remain in the League without going to re-election, this being the closest the Wanderers have ever come to losing their League status.

Sunderland were elected to the League in place of Stoke and the Wanderers became the first English club to defeat the newcomers on their own ground when, in April friendly James Brogan scored the only goal of the game.



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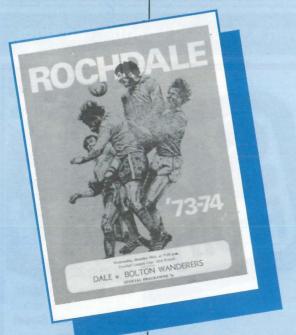
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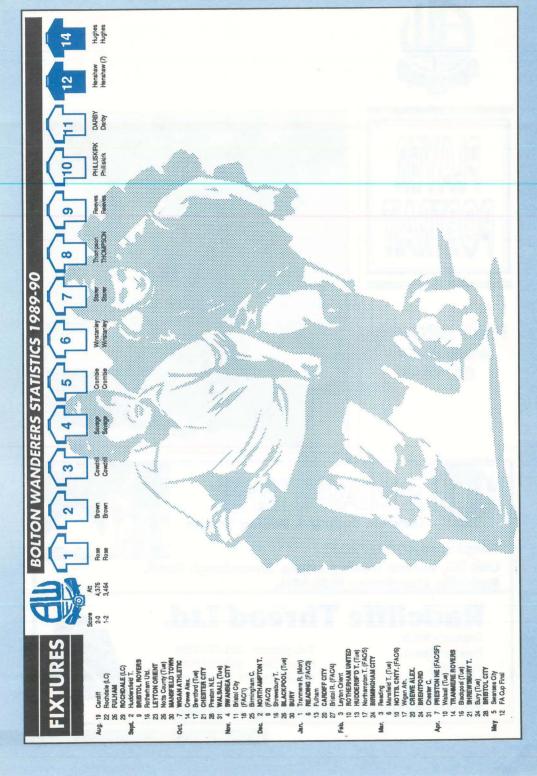
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